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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : William Butler Cowden *et al.*  
Application No. : 09/142,597  
Filed : March 5, 1999  
For : USE OF COXIELLA BACTERIA TO TREAT AUTOIMMUNE  
DISEASE

Examiner : S. Devi, Ph.D.  
Art Unit : 1645  
Docket No. : 120081.403  
Date : January 17, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Final Rejection dated March 21, 2001, Applicants herewith submit the following amendments and remarks to place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants note that a Notice of Appeal was filed on September 21, 2001, thus please extend the period of response from November 21, 2001 to January 21, 2002. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.